



New Hampshire Veterans Home

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New Hampshire Veterans Home Focuses on Transitional planning as 100-bed Facility Addition Nears Completion

March 17, 2003 – **Tilton, NH** - The New Hampshire Veterans Home ("NHVH") is focusing its efforts on transitional planning in preparation for the opening of a 100-bed facility addition that is currently scheduled for summer 2003. The new addition is a state-of-the-art facility that is dedicated to addressing the unique needs of residents with Alzheimer's disease and other memory impairment conditions that are collectively referred to as dementia. Designed with a focus on both the individual and collective needs of residents in equivalent stages of dementia, the addition will be divided into small, independent neighborhoods ranging in size from fourteen to twenty-two beds per unit. Each neighborhood will also have its own dining and recreation areas as well as country kitchens that will enable residents to more fully participate in social activities. The neighborhood concept will provide our residents who suffer from dementia with the highest level of safety, familiarity and activity while ensuring that their long-term health care needs are fully addressed.

Upon completion, NHVH will be a 250-bed long-term care facility capable of providing continuity of care for the physical, emotional and cognitive changes that our residents experience as part of the overall aging process. The entire staff of NHVH is very excited about the facility addition and its ability to enhance the overall quality of life care that NHVH proudly provides to Granite State veterans.

Commandant Barry Conway explains, "NHVH staff members who have extensive experience in providing long-term care to residents with dementia were actively involved in the design of the facility addition. All departments continue to prepare for the transition and look forward to welcoming an additional 100 veterans to NHVH." The admissions department is encouraging interested applicants to make inquiries well in advance of the scheduled opening. If you or a loved one is a Granite State veteran

who is in need of long-term care, please contact either Jean Clarenbach or Ellen Douville in the NHVH Admissions Department at (603) 286-4412.

About the Home

The New Hampshire Veterans Home (“NHVH”) was initially established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier’s Home for Civil War Veterans. Today, the modern facility in its countryside setting is home to 150 men and women who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire citizens. The mission of NHVH is to provide high quality, professional long-term care services to the Granite State’s elderly and disabled veterans. NHVH is the only long-term care facility in the Granite State that is dedicated exclusively to veterans.

As a professional health care provider, NHVH offers a full range of services including residential, medical/dental and nursing care as well as physical/occupational therapy, recreation, and dietetic and social services. Chapel services, exercise groups, arts and crafts, shopping trips, live entertainment and various community outings support residents’ quality of life. NHVH also offers inter-generational programs and animal-assisted recreational therapy. Dedicated staff members work in partnership with volunteers from surrounding communities and numerous veteran service organizations to enrich our residents’ lives. NHVH is currently undergoing a 100-bed facility addition that is scheduled for completion in summer 2003. MorrisSwitzer Environments for Health, Inc. based in Williston, Vermont is the architect for the addition. Harvey Construction Corporation of Bedford, New Hampshire is the project builder.